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Viral Antibody Titer Changes in Acute and Convalescent Stage of Bell's Palsy

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- Abstract -

Background : Bell's palsy(BP) is defined as an idiopathic peripheral facial paralysis of acute onset, accounting for more than 50% of all cases of facial paralysis. Different theories on the etiology of BP have been proposed. Herpes simplex virus-1(HSV) has been the most suspicious causative agent, but varicella zoster virus(VZV) also is suspected.

Objectives : We evaluated the serological changes of IgG and IgM titer of HSV and VZV to know the causative agent of BP.

Materials and Methods : Subjects consisted of 35 patients who developed acute idiopathic unilateral facial palsy(16 men and 19 women from 9 to 78 years old) within a week of onset. We took the serum of the acute and convalescent stages, respectively. Serum IgG and IgM titer of HSV and VZV were measured in acute and convalescent stages by EIA method.

Results : Only the HSV IgG titer showed statistically significant elevation in the convalescent stage(p=0.0291). Others did not show any significant change between the acute and convalescent stage.

Conclusion : We concluded that HSV may be related to the causative agent of BP.

Key Words : Bell's palsy, HSV, VZV, IgG, IgM

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Table 1. Identifiable etiologies of peripheral facial palsy³

	가	가	가	가
	HSV	VZV	가	가
Traumatic and postsurgical				
Petrous bone fracture				
Middle ear surgery				
Mastoidectomy				
Parotid gland surgery				
Tumor and other compression				
Neuroma/neruroma				
Meningioma				
Cholesteatoma				
Parotid gland tumor				
Metastasis				
Meningeosis carcinomatosa	99	1	2000	5
Infection and inflammation, demyelination				
Herpes zoster(Ramsay Huunt syndrome)				
Lyme disease			9	78 (
Human immunodeficiency virus	43.8)	35 (16 ,	19)
Meningitis				
Guillain-Barre's syndrome				
Idiopathic cranial polyneuropathy				
Otitis media				
Heerford syndrome(sarcoidosis)				
Melkersson-Rosenthal syndrome				25
Pontine lesions				
Inflammatory-demyelinating(multiple sclerosis)				
Vascular				
Tumor				
Miscellaneous				
Diabetes Mellitus				

House-Brackmann Facial Grading System
(Table 2).

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Table 2. House-Brackmann Facial Nerve Grading System¹¹

Grade	Definition
I. Normal	Normal facial function in all areas.
II. Mild dysfunction	Gross: slight weakness noticeable only on close inspection;may have slight synkinesis. At rest: normal symmetry and tone. Motion: moderate to good movement of forehead; ability to close eye with minimal effort and slight asymmetry; ability to move corners of mouth with slight asymmetry
III. Moderate dysfunction	Gross: obvious but not disfiguring difference between two sides; noticeable but not severe synkinesis, contracture and/or hemifacial spasm. At rest: normal symmetry and tone. Motion: slight to moderate movement of forehead; ability to close eye with maximal effort; mouth slightly weak with maximal effort
IV. Moderately severe dysfunction	Gross: obvious weakness and/or disfiguring asymmetry. At rest: normal symmetry and tone. Motion: no movement of forehead; inability to close eye completely with maximal effort; asymmetrical movement of corners of mouth with maximal effort
V. severe dysfunction	Gross: only barely perceptible motion. At rest: asymmetry. Motion: no movement of forehead: incomplete closure of eye and only slight movement of mouth
VI. Total paralysis	No movement

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HSV VZV IgG/IgM 가 가 Table 3
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VZV IgG/M 가 Grade
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Table 3. Serum antibody titers of HSV and VZV in acute and convalescent stage of Bell's palsy

N	Sex	Age (yr)	Grade	Onset	Sample A	Serum titer		Sample C	Serum titer	
						HSV IgG/M	VZV IgG/M		HSV IgG/M	VZV IgG/M
1	M	46	(Rt.III)	99-02-07	99-02-15	4.2/0.2	1.4/0.2	99-04-08	4.9/0.2	1.8/0.1
2	M	16	(Rt.III)	99-02-28	99-03-04	6.5/0.3	1.7/0.1			
3	M	60	(Lt.IV)	99-02-26	99-03-05	6.7/0.2	2.0/0.1			
4	F	32	(Lt.III)	99-03-05	99-03-07	0.3/0.1	1.5/0.6	99-04-07	0.2/0.2	3.8/0.8
5	F	65	(Rt.IV)	99-05-02	99-05-05	5.8/0.3	2.5/0.6			
6	F	77	(Rt.III)	99-05-06	99-05-08	2.0/1.4	1.0/0.2			
7	M	52	(Rt.IV)	99-07-27	99-07-27	3.8/0.5	1.8/0.5			
8	M	18	(Lt.III)	99-08-02	99-08-05	7.4/0.5	2.3/0.1			
9	M	56	(Rt.III)	99-07-27	99-07-31	6.2/0.1	0.3/0.1	99-09-02	7.4/0.2	0.2/0.1
10	F	68	(Lt.III)	99-06-15	99-06-20	6.8/0.4	1.9/0.5			
11	M	29	(Lt.IV)	99-09-26	99-09-26	7.4/0.6	2.8/0.5			
12	M	56	(Rt.IV)	99-08-31	99-08-31	6.5/0.4	1.8/0.5	99-09-28	6.8/0.3	1.9/0.4
13	M	9	(Rt.IV)	99-08-31	99-08-31	0.3/0.1	0.9/0.4			
14	F	16	(Rt.IV)	99-12-01	99-12-04	6.5/0.1	1.4/0.5			
15	F	25	(Rt.IV)	99-12-07	99-12-10	2.4/0.1	1.8/0.1	00-01-15	3.2/0.3	4.8/0.3
16	M	39	(Rt.III)	99-12-05	99-12-09	4.9/0.3	1.7/0.1			
17	F	78	(Lt.IV)	99-12-10	99-12-13	5.1/0.1	0.6/0.1			
18	F	60	(Rt.III)	99-12-14	99-12-15	6.8/0.3	1.9/0.5			
19	F	11	(Lt.IV)	99-12-24	00-01-04	3.8/0.3	1.8/0.4			
20	F	64	(Rt.III)	99-12-25	99-12-29	5.9/0.2	1.2/0.1	00-01-30	5.8/0.4	1.4/0.5
21	F	26	(Lt.IV)	00-01-05	00-01-08	5.8/0.3	1.5/0.1			
22	M	64	(Rt.III)	00-01-09	00-01-11	3.8/0.5	1.6/0.4			
23	M	48	(Lt.IV)	11-01-11	00-01-13	5.5/0.4	1.9/0.3			
24	M	30	(Rt.IV)	00-01-10	00-01-14	6.2/0.6	1.7/0.3			
25	F	54	(Rt.III)	00-01-17	00-01-18	2.5/0.4	1.3/0.5	00-02-20	6.4/0.2	1.2/0.6
26	M	39	(Rt.IV)	00-01-17	00-01-25	5.5/0.2	1.9/0.4			
27	F	29	(Lt.IV)	00-01-17	00-01-20	4.7/0.1	0.6/0.6			
28	F	27	(Rt.IV)	00-02-04	00-02-08	4.9/0.2	1.6/0.2	00-03-06	6.2/0.1	1.3/0.1
29	F	35	(Lt.IV)	00-02-09	00-02-14	2.2/0.4	1.8/0.6	00-03-09	6.3/0.4	1.8/0.3
30	F	64	(Lt.)	00-02-15	00-02-16	4.5/0.2	1.9/0.3			
31	F	35	(Rt.IV)	00-02-17	00-02-19	5.7/0.3	2.2/0.1			
32	M	31	(Rt.II)	00-01-31	00-02-03	4.8/0.5	1.6/0.4	00-02-15	5.2/0.6	3.4/0.3
33	F	61	(Lt.IV)	00-03-01	00-03-07	6.4/0.3	2.1/0.2			
34	F	68	(Rt.IV)	00-04-03	00-04-08	5.6/0.6	1.9/0.4			
35	M	45	(Lt.III)	00-05-02	00-05-09	3.8/0.3	2.4/0.2			

A: acute stage, C: convalescent stage

Table 4. Result of paired t-test in IgG/M of HSV and VZV in acute and convalescent stage of Bell's palsy

	agent	stage	mean±SD	t-value	p-value
IgG (n=10)	HSV	A	3.990±2.052	2.592	0.0291*
		C	5.240±2.120		
	VZV	A	1.430±0.449	1.957	0.082
		C	1.398±1.398		
IgM (n=10)	HSV	A	0.260±0.150	0.729	0.496
		C	0.290±0.144		
	VZV	A	0.280±0.198	0.16	0.876
		C	0.290±0.172		

A: acute stage, C: convalescent stage *: p < 0.05

IgG/M VZV IgG/M 가
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 (Table 4).

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